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SUBJECT: PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS' VISIT TO PORTO ALEGRE
- MARCH 27 - APRIL 11

1. WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARTNERS OF AMERICA (NAPA) INFORMED US MARCH 9 THAT INDIANA, PARTNER STATE OF RIO GRADE DO SUL, WAS TAKING STEPS IN EFFORT TO REACTIVATE PARTNER RELATIONSHIP LARGELY DORMANT FOR LAST SEVERAL YEARS.

2. INDIANA PARTNERS PLAN VISIT TO PORTO ALEGRE MARCH 27 - APRIL 11 BY TWO REPRESENTATIVES, WALTER PINROD (INDIANA STATE DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION) AND JAMES MCCLELLAN (STATE DIRECTOR OF GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF INDIANA) THEY ARE INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH STATE OR LOCAL COUNTER-PARTS WORKING IN FIELDS OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, MENTAL HEALTH, SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, ETC.

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3. INDIANA PARTNERS HAD ENDEAVORED TO CONTACT PORTO ALEGRE PARTNER OFFICIAL GILBERTO ANKE, A DENTIST, LOCAL ADDRESS 325 AVENIDA ALBERTO BINS, PORTO ALEGRE, TELEPHONE 258-951, WHOSE NAME HAD BEEN GIVEN THEM BY DARCY MESQUITA, BRAZILIAN PARTNERS' HEAD IN BRASILIA. SO FAR, DR. HANKE HAD NOT RESPONDED TO INDIANA EFFORTS, AND THEY WERE ATTEMPTING A HAM RADIO-PHONE PATCH FOR SOMETIME THIS WEEK.

4. BRAZIL DESK SUGGESTED TO WASHINGTON PARTNERS' OFFICE THAT THESE FIELDS MIGHT NOT BE MOST FRUITFUL FOR JOINT ACTIVITY, BUT WORTHY OF INVESTIGATION IN ANY EVENT. PIN-ROD REPORTEDLY ALSO HAS INTEREST AND COMPETENCE IN AGRICULTURAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, PERHAPS A MORE PROMISING AREA FOR JOINT EFFORT.

5. OVER LONGER TERM, INDIANA HAS AGRICULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, INDUSTRIAL EXPERTISE TO OFFER RIO GRANDE, PLUS EXPERIENCE WITH ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORTING ONE OF LARGEST INLAND PORTS IN U.S. FURTHER, LILLY FOUNDATION, LOCATED IN INDIANA, REPORTEDLY PREPARED TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING U.S. SIDE OF GOOD JOINT PROJECTS.

6. INDIANA PARTNERS HAVE NAME OF CONSUL BARR IN PORTO ALEGRE THROUGH MUTUAL ACQUAINTANCE, RICHARD FLETCHER, AGRONOMIST WITH WORLD BANK, REPLACING VAUT AS PARTNERS' ADVISOR IN AGRICULTURE. THEY PLAN TO BE IN TOUCH WITH BARR DURING TRIP.

7. PARTNERS WOULD APPRECIATE BARR'S REACTION TO VISIT, PLUS ANY EFFORTS HE MIGHT MAKE WITH DR. HANKE OR WITH OTHERS TO WORK OUT MEANINGFUL CONTACTS FOR PARTNERS' VISITORS. THEY RECOGNIZE PORTO ALEGRE BRANCH PARTNERS MAY REQUIRE SOME TIME AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO BECOME ACTIVE AGAIN, BUT APPEAR PREPARED TO GIVE IT A GO. KISSINGER

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